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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/622,895

Applicant(s)

HALL ET AL.

Examiner

Leila Malek

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 July 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 07/17/2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This office action is in response to the amendments received on 07/09/2007.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Giallorenzi et al. (hereafter, referred as Giallorenzi) (US 6,091,760), in view of Dooley et al. (hereafter, referred as Dooley) (US 2001/0043644).

As to claim 22, Giallorenzi discloses a substantially synchronous CDMA communications system (see the abstract and column 4, lines 51-65), comprising: a radio base unit 12 (see Fig. 9) capable of bi-directional wireless multirate communications (see column 13, lines 43-46) with a plurality of subscriber units 14, each subscriber unit having a subscriber unit data rate; and a controller for reordering (see claim 11): a Hadamard matrix (see the abstract, column 4, lines 37-44, and claim 11) by exchanging columns and rows (see column 2, lines 39-42) of the first Hadamard matrix in accordance with at least one first predetermined reordering code (see Fig. 12) to produce a first reordered PN code set having improved spectral properties (see the abstract and column 4, lines 51-65); at least two second Hadamard matrices (see the abstract and column 4, lines 37-44) by exchanging columns and rows of each of the

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second Hadamard matrices in accordance with at least one second predetermined reordering code to produce at least two second reordered PN code sets; and a modulator for modulating (see the abstract and column 4, lines 37-44) the first reordered PN code set with each of the second PN code sets to generate at least two usable PN code sets for modulating a data signal of the subscriber units as a function of the subscriber unit data rate (see claim 11). Giallorenzi discloses all the subject matters claimed in claim 22, except that the modulator further comprises a code set dwell time controlled for assigning dwell time to each of the at least two usable code sets for modulating the data signal. Dooley discloses a method for despread a target spread spectrum signal containing pseudorandom noise code sequences modulated by a data message (See the abstract). Dooley further discloses (see paragraph 0006) that there is a dwell time for each code and a substantial reduction in the number of code instances that need to be checked enables an increase in the dwell time for each check without significantly affecting the overall time to acquisition. Dooly discloses that the benefit of this is that an increase in the dwell time increases the probability of acquiring weak GPS signals. Based on Dooley's teaching it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify Giallorenzi as suggested by Dooley to assign a dwell time to each of the at least two useable code sets to increase the flexibility of the system.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Leila Malek whose telephone number is 571-272-8731. The examiner can normally be reached on 9AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on 571-272-3021. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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